

New York Central Alone May Oppose Riverside Plan

Property Owners Favor
Latest Proposed
Solution

C. L. Craig Indorses It

New Proposition Calls for
Extra \$10,000,000 Outlay
by Road

All opposition to the latest proposed solution of the city's West Side track congestion problems, except the probable objections of the New York Central Railroad, was removed yesterday through a statement issued by Charles L. Craig, Democratic candidate for Controller and formerly representative of the Riverside Drive property owners who succeeded in preventing the adoption of the previous tentative plan. Mr. Craig praised the proposed arrangement of the joint committee of the Public Service Commission and the Board of Estimate, which worked it out, and announced that it would present the range of rights to the railroad which might later have sold to the city for \$250,000,000. Incidentally, he insisted that it formed a severe arrangement of the Mitchell-Pendergast administration, which failed to make an acceptable agreement with the railroad.

No officials of the railroad would discuss the plan yesterday, however, and there is every indication that the road will oppose it. The new plan contemplates the expenditure by the railroad of something more than \$10,000,000 in excess of the demands made upon it under the rejected plan favored by Mayor Mitchell. Vice-President Ira A. Place said that he was studying the new plan and would make a statement after he had completed the consideration of its various provisions.

With the opposition of the West End association and the various organizations that range of rights to the railroad, the original plan now removed, it is expected that the public hearings, scheduled to begin October 18, will consist only of an effort to obtain the approval of the New York Central.

The Craig statement calls attention to the fact that Riverside Park and its vicinity will be undisturbed by the carrying out of the new plan; that there will be no big uncovered freight yards in Manhattanville, and that the city will retain its waterfront properties, instead of turning them over, in perpetuity, to the New York Central, as was proposed under the former plan.

By the recommendations of the joint committee this huge railroad yard is completely obliterated," says the statement. "Again, following our contention, the joint committee locates the main terminal in the Manhattan Valley from 125th Street to 134th Street, and extending from Broadway to the Riverside Drive viaduct.

"This will make possible real estate markets, as well as save the waterfront, the use of which for an uncovered railroad yard would have brought utter ruin to the apartment houses north of 135th Street.

"Under the Mitchell-Pendergast deal the New York Central would have been relieved from the payment of the franchise tax, municipal and legislative control over its franchise would have been practically wiped out, the railroad would have been permitted to capitalize the ownership of its right of way and the waterfront, and in the case of municipal or government ownership the railroad could have exacted probably \$100,000,000 as its price for the property thus held.

"Under the arrangement of the joint committee all this is frustrated; everywhere the railroad tracks are to be laid on land belonging to the City of New York, the railroad remains under municipal and state control. It must pay a franchise tax; it cannot capitalize the ownership of the city's streets and waterfront and thereby levy tribute against the most of New York, for the city retains such ownership.

"Asked if he intended to make a statement concerning the report of the joint committee in regard to the proposed West Side-New York Central improvement, Mayor Mitchell said:

"I do not expect to make any statement. I wish the joint committee every success if it has found a satisfactory solution of the problem, and will do everything in my power to help along. But you must remember this is a simply a proposal."

Cornerstone Laid for New Yale Quadrangle

Building of Harkness Memorial Is Begun at
New Haven

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 8.—The cornerstone of the memorial quadrangle at Yale University, which will be a group of buildings given by Mrs. Stephen V. Harkness as a memorial to her son, Charles V. Harkness, of the class of '83, was laid to-day in the presence of a large gathering of university and municipal officers, faculty members and alumni. This date was linked with the remote past, for exactly 200 years ago the first building was started for Yale College on the New Haven campus.

The cornerstone was laid at the corner of High and Liberty streets, to the rear of the university library. The group will be of Gothic style, with enough dormitories to accommodate the entire junior and senior classes, and its accomplishment probably will be the largest single building operation undertaken by any educational institution in this country. The ground area is 360 by 416 feet, bounded by High, Liberty, York and Elm streets.

This Is Fire Prevention Day

Department Will Parade and
Public Schools Hold Exercises

To-day has been set aside by the city for the celebration of the fire prevention movement, which, in the five years since its inception here, has saved the city \$7,909,582 in fire losses.

Fire Prevention Day will be observed by the Fire Department with a parade of floats and the distribution to citizens of thousands of circulars, and by the public schools with exercises. Exercises will also be held in the public schools.

The great feature of the fire prevention activity during the last year has been the work done in making factories safer. In October, 1916, the enforcement of the exit and occupancy law for factories was transferred from the State Department of Labor to the Fire Department.

There are approximately 12,000 factory buildings in the city, and from the beginning of the year to September 18, the Fire Department has made surveys of 3,900 of these. In the first half of the year, 15,000 violations were noted.

Reds' Princess Defiant

Gurley Flynn and Tresca Refuse
to Admit Identity in Court

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Carlo Tresca, alleged I. W. W. plotters, defied the extradition proceedings against them before United States Commissioner Hitchcock in the Federal Building yesterday, by refusing to admit their identity when called upon. Because of this, it was necessary to adjourn the hearing until a week from to-day.

Miss Flynn and Tresca are wanted in Chicago, where they are charged with plotting to defeat the military policies of the government. When Assistant United States Attorney Harold A. Contentant asked, "Are these the defendants named in the warrant?" George W. Whiteside, their attorney, said:

"My clients will not admit that they are the persons named in the charges. This is a matter of importance, and I must consult them about it."

Arthur Giovannetti and Giovanni Balzarra, two other prisoners, admitted their identity.

Connolly Sues Higbie

Asks \$100,000 Damages for
Alleged Slander

Maurice E. Connolly, President of Queens Borough, and candidate for reelection on the Democratic ticket, filed suit in the Supreme Court, New York County, yesterday, against Robert W. Higbie, his Fusion opponent, for \$100,000 for alleged slander.

Mr. Connolly filed only the summons, so that the exact words which he alleges Mr. Higbie used to slander him will not be known until the complaint is filed. The Borough President explained that he did not bring his action in Queens County "because of the prominence there of the principals."

4 New Fraud Indictments

Four new indictments against election inspectors charged with making false returns in the Mitchell-Bennett primary, were returned yesterday by Judge Mulqueen, in General Sessions. Bench warrants were issued to District Attorney Swanwick's detectives, with orders to serve them to-day.

Assistant District Attorneys Olcott and Wallace, in charge of the investigation, predicted yesterday that an indictment would be returned to-day against the son of a member of the Republican County Committee, and about a dozen other inspectors.

Oklahoma Livestock

To Be Fed Surplus Wheat

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Oct. 8.—Half a million bushels of wheat will be fed to livestock in Oklahoma this fall, is indicated by reports received here to-day by the State Council of Defense from twenty-three western counties. In most of the counties an increased acreage of wheat planted is indicated, but no hope is held out that planting will be further stimulated by an increase of a few cents a bushel possible under new marketing arrangements.

In Grant County alone it is estimated that 1,500 bushels of wheat is being fed to livestock daily.

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Mexican Consul's Aid Is Held for Evading Draft

Martinez Arrested After
Refusing to Undergo
Physical Test

Jesus Martinez, Mexican Vice Consul in this city, is to-day a man of shattered illusions. Agents of the Department of Justice arrested him yesterday on a charge of having willfully evaded the requirements of the conscription law, and thus hurled him against the realities of this workaday world.

The vice-consul registered for the draft with Local Board 145, but would not undergo the indignity of a physical examination. Mr. Martinez spoke earnestly about the courtesies a diplomat is entitled to, but Harold A. Contentant, United States Attorney, who made the complaint against Martinez, cruelly told him: "You are not a diplomat; a vice-consul is merely a commercial representative of his country and is obliged to conform to the law of the land in which he is stationed."

United States Commissioner Samuel M. Hitchcock, before whom the prisoner was arraigned, smashed another idol by refuting Martinez's claim that he was not amenable to American laws. The vice-consul was held on \$3,000 bail, and released when Consul General Juan T. Burns, who has steadfastly refused Martinez to refuse to appear before the local board, furnished the bail.

When the deputy marshals reached Martinez's apartment, at 540 Riverside Drive, to arrest him, at 9 o'clock, the Mexican was in the bath tub. The men waited in the hallway for half an hour. Finally the vice-consul appeared at the door in a red bathrobe and slippers, to protest: "But I am not dressed!"

The agents showed their warrant, and entered the apartment. For another thirty minutes they waited at the door in a red bathrobe and slippers, to protest: "But I am not dressed!"

Consul General Burns was also moved by the action of the government officials. Though heretofore he has been defiant and was quoted as saying of the draft administrators' conduct that "such stupidity and such ignorance of the rights of men can only be compared to the savage hordes of Villa," he seemed extremely meek yesterday.

Ely Neumann, of 45 Broadway, who was retained as counsel, hinted that the case might lead to international complications.

Mexican Embassy Protests Drafting Of Its Nationals

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—The Mexican Embassy has taken up with the State Department the drafting of Mexican nationals by the local boards in Arizona, and the difficulty threatens the exodus of these Mexicans, together with all others of military age, from that state. It was learned to-day.

The mine owners also have protested to the State Department that a serious labor shortage may come if the action of the local boards is not modified. The labor situation along the entire border was said to be affected.

Would Draft Farm Army

Jersey Seeks to Use Balance
of Quota to Reap Crops

TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 8.—Permission to mobilize the remainder of New Jersey's quota for the first draft, numbering 3,000 men, to help farmers with their crops, was asked to-day by Governor Edge through Acting Adjutant General Frederick Gilkison, in a telegram to Provost Marshal General Crowder.

Assured by Major General Charles W. Kennedy, in command at Camp Dix, that the camp could not accommodate any more men until October 15, and that all of the 3,000 men could not be assimilated until November 1 at the earliest, Governor Edge believed that many of these men, who have already given up their civilian jobs, would be glad to aid the cause of democracy by moving crops until they are called to the training camps.

Soldier Kills a Caddie

YONKERS, Oct. 8.—Thomas Bennett, a fourteen-year-old caddie at the Dunwoody Country Club, started to take a short cut home this afternoon across the Croton Aqueduct, which extends along the east side of the golf links. He was shot dead by Peter Gallagher, a private in the 1st New York Field Artillery, who was guarding the aqueduct, with instructions to prevent trespassing.

Gallagher was arrested by the police of this city. He insisted that his rifle had gone off accidentally as he was putting it down to chase the boy, who ignored his command to halt. The only witnesses of the affair, soldiers, corroborated him. Coroner George Engle turned Gallagher over to Major William Hodges, who promised a strict inquiry.

Hampton Roads Training Camp Ready for Men

10,000 Sailors Will Be Accommodated at New
Quarters

(Staff Correspondence)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Secretary Daniels returned this morning from Norfolk, Va., where he inspected the new naval training camp and fleet operating base at Hampton Roads, the extensions at the Norfolk Navy Yard and the other extensive improvements being made by the navy in that vicinity.

"The new naval training camp at Hampton Roads is ready for the reception of men," the Secretary said. "Seventeen hundred will be sent there next week, and the same number each ensuing week until all the 10,000 provided for are stationed there. The entire camp covers 400 acres and embraces more than 150 buildings. Good progress is being made in the work of construction, and when finally completed we shall have an ideal training station."

"Construction is going forward so rapidly on the big drydock at the Norfolk Navy Yard, which will accommodate the largest vessels afloat, that it is expected to have it ready six months ahead of the time originally fixed for completion. The foundation, the engineers report, is the best possible; the excavation is practically completed, and the site is ready for the concrete work."

Industrial Fitness of Men Likely To Be Considered In the Next Draft

(Special Correspondence)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Secretary Baker and Provost Marshal General Crowder are to confer to-morrow on the registrations for the next draft under the selective service law.

While no decision has been reached as to the time for calling the next draft, the matter will be discussed and regulations for it, based on the experience of the first draft, have been framed by General Crowder.

One thing that is likely to enter into the next draft is the occupation of men to be summoned into service. Representative Madden of Illinois, has made suggestions to the President and the Secretary of War along this line, particularly with a view to determining for what men summoned for service are best fitted.

Yale Plans Aero School

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 8.—A school of military aeronautics at Yale University has been planned, and sanction now rests with the War Department, according to announcement to-day. Students enrolled will take their aviation training with regular studies. The first class will be started next June and the members sent to flying schools either in this country or France.

The Aero Club of America is supporting the project, which already has been endorsed by the university authorities. The school will be under a commandant detailed by the chief signal officer of the army.

Thief Gets \$25,000 Gems

CHATHAM, N. J., Oct. 8.—A porch climber got \$25,000 worth of jewels this evening in the summer home of James Gifford, a New York attorney, while he was at work on an acropolis devoted attention from the upper floors of the house by ringing the doorbell several times and concealing himself on each occasion before a servant could reach the door.

Great Lakes Naval Training Station

near Chicago will also practically be completed this month. Already more than 12,000 men are in training at Great Lakes. The full quota will be 17,000. Great Lakes, the largest naval cantonment consists of six camps built around the central permanent establishment on the Lake Michigan shore—Camps Dewey, Perry, Decatur, Paul Jones, Farragut and Ross.

Strike Hits Clyde And Mallory Lines

More Wages and Shorter
Hours Demanded by
Longshoremen

More than one thousand longshoremen employed on the piers of the Clyde and Mallory steamship lines along the North River walked out on strike yesterday because the steamship companies refused to grant them a longer lunch hour, an increase of 12 per cent in wages and a reduction of hours of labor from ten to nine a day.

The men are members of the International Longshoremen's Union. Through their union they had signed an agreement to settle all differences by arbitration. This agreement does not expire until December 31 of this year, according to the steamship officials.

H. H. Raymond, president of the Clyde and Mallory steamship lines, declared yesterday he was greatly surprised that the men should strike without submitting their grievance to arbitration, as agreed.

"I regard it as a most unpatriotic act," said Mr. Raymond. "Our lines are working for the government, and to strike now without seeking to arbitrate whatever misunderstandings they may have had is unfair to the government. In the early part of 1915 we paid our longshoremen 30 cents an hour, with 35 cents an hour for overtime. Later in 1915 the rate was raised to 32 cents an hour and 40 cents for overtime. In the early part of 1916 we paid for labor on Sundays and holidays, 60 cents and 85 cents, respectively, and later, of our own volition, we raised it to 60, 80 and 85 cents. Now the men demand 45, 55 and 85 cents, as well as a nine instead of a ten hour day, and a longer lunch period.

"Their action will simply tie up the service on our lines temporarily, and the work we are doing for the government will be delayed unnecessarily."

Paul A. Vaccarelli, general organizer and vice-president of the International Longshoremen's Association, said last night that President P. J. O'Connor of the International Longshoremen's Union had arrived from Buffalo, and was stopping at the Hotel Marlborough.

Vaccarelli said the local had not consulted the proper officers regarding the strike. He did not approve of it, he declared, and believed that "whatever matters of discontent there were could have been settled amicably without a strike."

Parents of Keet Baby Will Testify in Kidnapping Trial

MARSHFIELD, Mo., Oct. 8.—J. Holland Keet, father of the kidnapped baby, Lloyd Keet, whose body was found in a well several days after the infant was abducted at Springfield, Mo., will be the first witness for the state in the trial of Claude Piersol, accused abductor of the baby, to-morrow in Circuit Court here. He will be followed by the mother of the baby and the two nurses, who were asleep in the room from which the child was stolen, on May 30.

A feature of the case to-day was the alleged confession of Dick Carter. He is said to have admitted driving to the Keet home with Piersol last March. Lawyers for the defence emphatically denied that Carter had made a confession.

Piersol and Carter quarrelled recently in the Marshfield jail, it is said. Carter has signed a confession of his part in the plot to kidnap C. A. Clement, wealthy jeweller of St. Louis.

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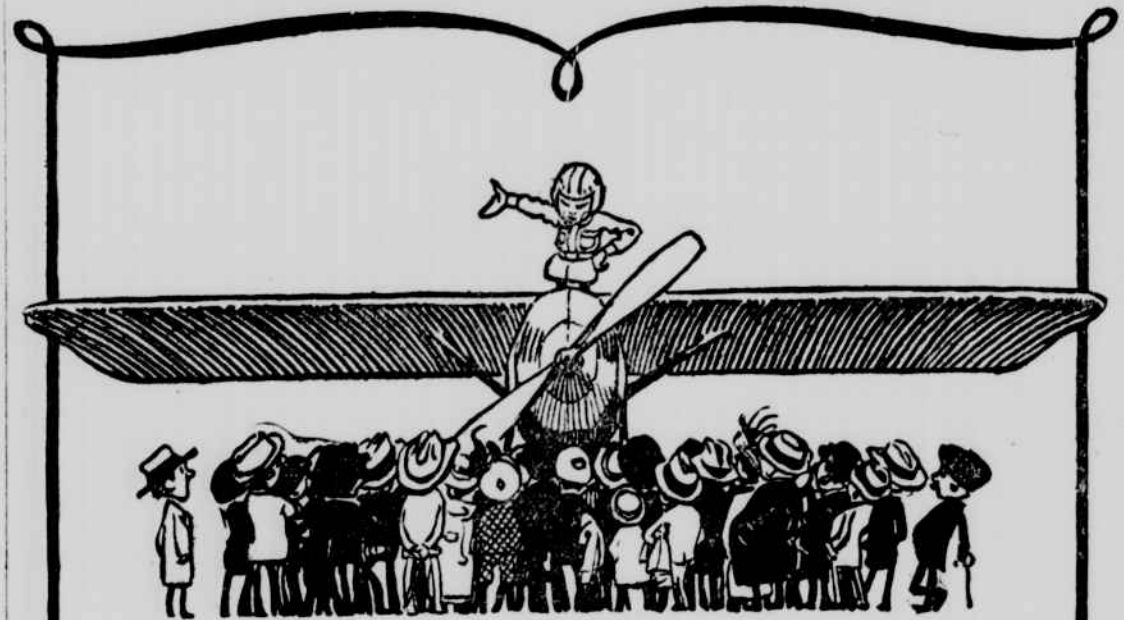
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